



PATENT

New Attorney Docket No. 08350.0357-00000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Eric W. NIELSEN et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2174  
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Application No.: 09/863,720 ) Examiner: Ke, Peng  
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Filed: May 23, 2001 )  
) Confirmation No.: 1496  
For: GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE )  
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
INTERACTION WITH FINITE )  
ELEMENT ANALYSIS )  
APPLICATIONS )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

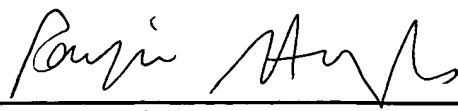
Appellants petition for a two month extension of time to file an Appeal Brief with respect to the Notice of Appeal filed on November 14, 2005 and the Notice of the Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review mailed on August 14, 2006. A fee of \$450.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter the attached reply and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: November 9, 2006

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